

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Wickersham to open on his amendment.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Excuse me. I would just comment briefly, and then I am going to withdraw that amendment. That amendment was prepared as a contingency against the failure of this body to recognize at all the diversity that exists across the state of Nebraska in its highway system and the rates at which we could travel. I offered that amendment, if we weren't going to make a broad-based policy so that we could set rates that were appropriate in various regions of the state, I was going to offer to you my judgment about what those rates ought to be, designating several of the improved two-lane highways in this state as Freedom Highways. And I had selected Highway 2, Highway 20, and Highway 385, and I was hoping that perhaps some of you might also have your selections to make as well because I think it would have been appropriate, and it may still be appropriate, depending on what turns this legislation makes, to designate those highways as Freedom Highways where you can travel 65 miles an hour. The rate that we have already seen that the Department of Motor Vehicles has determined that people are traveling, the rates that the federal government will now allow us to set, if we have the will to do it, and the rates that would recognize the diversity that we have in the state of Nebraska. But perhaps that is unnecessary to have that discussion with Senator Elmer's amendment and I will withdraw this amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. The amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Wickersham, I now have AM3614, but I have a note on that, withdraw.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator Wickersham, 3754.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Withdraw that.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator Chambers, I have the amendment that you supplied to me earlier this afternoon, Senator. (See FA537 as found on